

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE April 22 1969

Full Name William John Patton
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 226 Ella Street, Palm Bay, Florida
Post Office Box 171 Palm Bay Florida 32901

City _____ State _____

Age 43 (This is important and should be exact) DOB 1926 9 23 25

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion _____ Nationality American

Occupation Electrician

Education Unknown

Weight 140 Color White Height 5ft 9inches

Color of hair Brown grey Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests Camping

Married or single divorced Children two ????
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
Troop 337	Melbourne	Florida	Committeeman	October 1967	April 1969

Special recognition None

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Lewd and Lascivious Conduct. Child Molesting

Arrested Eau Gallie Police Department - 5 charges
Has hold Melbourne Police Department - 11 charges

Signed _____

Scout Executive

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May 6, 1969

Mr. C. D. Caldwell
Scout Executive

Central Florida Council, No. 83 PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: William John Patton

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Thank you for your confidential record sheet dated April 22 concerning William John Patton, formerly registered as Committeeman in Troop 337, Melbourne, Florida. We have placed this information in our files.

This additional information will enable us to identify this individual should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Thanks for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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April 16, 1969

Mr. C. D. Caldwell
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Attention: R. Larry Fairley, District Scout Executive

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Thank you for your letter of April 10 and for the newspaper clipping concerning William J. Patton, currently registered as Committeeman in Troop 337, Melbourne. We have placed this information in our files and have taken steps to have his name deleted from the Troop roster.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would very much appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. This additional information will enable us to identify this individual should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program. Thank you for bringing this situation to our attention.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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Encl.

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The Daily Times

THE PAPER FOR SOUTH BREVARD
Melbourne, Florida, Monday, April 7, 1969

Arrest Youth Worker On Morals Charges

By ED BERNB, JR.
Times Staff Writer

EAU GALLIE — An assistant scoutmaster has been arrested on morals charges involving more than a dozen boys in incidents that have taken place over the past year, police from three cities reported this morning.

William J. Patton, about 45 years old, who lives in Palm Bay, has been charged by Eau Gallie detectives with lewd and lascivious conduct. He will stand trial on the charges in city court tomorrow night.

Police started their investigation after parents of five boys complained to officers that Patton was molesting the youngsters.

Besides the five youths in Eau Gallie, Patton is accused of similar acts with five in Melbourne and three in Palm Bay. All are 12 to 14 years old.

According to Melbourne police, Patton would plan a camping trip, then pick up a couple of boys the night before telling their parents he was doing this so they could get an early start. He would take them to a Melbourne motel and spend the night.

Patton was arrested by Eau Gallie police at Long Point Friday night. He had gone there

with several scout troops for a camping trip.

"After I talked to the parents and the kids Friday night," Melbourne Detective Lt. Charles McGee said, "I just got sick."

"That's the worst case of this kind I've ever seen," another detective commented.

Officers said they have evidence that the incidents might have started as long as 15 months ago, but apparently became more frequent in the past couple of months.

Felony charges will be filed against Patton in all three cities, officers said.

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April 10, 1969

Mr. Howard Boyd
Registration
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Mr. Boyd,

Would you believe another one of the same troop? On Friday, April 4th, I was informed by my District Commissioner that Mr. William J. Patton, about 45, who lives in Palm Bay, Florida and registered as assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 337, was arrested on charges of lewd and lascivious conduct. He was to have his hearing Tuesday, April 8th. It was delayed two weeks for him to prepare a defense.

After talking with investigating officers, there is little doubt to his guilt. Enclosed is a front page article for your information.

If you recall eleven months ago, Mr. Billy L. Smith, Scoutmaster of the same troop, was arrested and found guilty of these same charges. I sincerely hope that this is the last offender of this type that I will encounter.

Sincerely,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Central Florida Council

Larry Fairley
R. Larry Fairley
District Scout Executive
South Brevard District

RLF/ccb
cc: R. L. Henderson, Jr.
Ass't Scout Executive
Enclosure

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